

a frame so dimensioned as to outline the mouth of a
5 person, wherein the frame is a loop formed into a
 heart shape such that each lobe of the heart shape
 outlines a corresponding cheek area of the two
 persons kissing, the noses of the two persons
 kissing are positioned between the lobes of the
10 heart shape, and the point of the heart shape
 extends below the chins of the two persons
 kissing,;

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a thin, flexible membrane carried by the frame, the
 membrane being impervious to microorganisms; and
15 a handle extending from the frame and adapted for being
 gripped to support the frame and membrane between
 the mouth of the two persons;
 wherein the membrane prevents exchange of microorganisms
 between the two persons while the two persons are
20 engaged in the act of kissing.

H2 3~~26~~. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim [25] ~~23~~ wherein the
 frame extends angularly from the handle.

4~~27~~. (Once amended) The apparatus of claim [25] ~~23~~ wherein the
 frame extends angularly from the handle such that the handle is
 substantially collinear with the nose of a person when the frame is
 positioned to outline the mouth, cheek and chin areas of the
5 person.

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8 31. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for preventing exchange of microorganisms between two persons engaged in the act of kissing, the apparatus comprising:

5 a frame so dimensioned as to outline the mouth, cheeks and chin areas of a person, wherein the frame is a loop formed into a heart shape such that each lobe of the heart shape outlines a corresponding cheek area of the two persons kissing, the noses of the two persons kissing are positioned between the lobes of the heart shape, and the point of the heart shape extends below the chins of the two persons kissing;

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a sleeve supported by the frame, the sleeve being made of a thin, flexible sheet material impervious to microorganisms; and

15 a handle extending from the frame and adapted for being gripped to support the frame and sleeve between the mouth, cheek and chin areas of two persons;

20 wherein the sleeve prevents exchange of microorganisms between the two persons while the two persons are engaged in the act of kissing and prevents contact by the two persons with the frame.

H4 10-34. (Once amended) The apparatus of Claim [33] ~~31~~ wherein the frame extends angularly from the handle.

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11 ✓ 35. (Once amended) The apparatus of Claim [33] ~~31~~ wherein the frame extends angularly from the handle such that the handle is substantially collinear with the nose of a person when the frame is positioned to outline the mouth, cheek and chin areas of the person.

16 ~~40~~ (Twice amended) An apparatus for preventing the exchange of microorganisms between two persons engaged in the act of French kissing, the apparatus comprising:

5 a loop frame so dimensioned as to outline the mouth, cheeks and chin areas of a person, wherein the loop frame is a loop formed into a heart shape such that each lobe of the heart shape outlines a corresponding cheek area of the two persons French kissing, the noses of the two persons French kissing are positioned between the lobes of the heart shape, and the point of the heart shape extends below the chins of the two persons French kissing;

10 H5- a sleeve supported by the frame, the sleeve being made of a thin, flexible sheet material impervious to microorganisms and having a protuberance defining a space
15 sized and shaped to receive the tongue of one of the two persons; and

a handle extending from the frame and adapted for being gripped to support the frame and membrane between the mouth, cheek and chin areas of two persons;